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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Harry E. Fitzwater
Director of Training

SUBJECT:

Request for Oral and Written Response to
the National Needs in the Area of Foreign
Language and Area Specialists

REFERENCE:

Memo to DTR from A/LC, dated 2 Feb 79,
Same Subject

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1. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is not able to assess programs within the Department of Defense for training personnel in foreign languages and international studies. The Agency, however, currently uses foreign language instructional materials produced by the Defense Language Institute (DLI), as well as materials produced by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), universities and many publishing companies. Our instructors have found the DLI materials to be very good in content and format.

2. The Office of Training Language School (LS) has regular contact on the working level with other language schools in the federal government, including DLI. The Language School, along with FSI, DLI, the National Security Agency (NSA), and other federal agencies involved in foreign language teaching, is a member of the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR). In the recent past LS, FSI and DLI participated in an important interagency research project to determine the reliability of the oral interview to assess language proficiency in French and Spanish. Inasmuch as this cooperative research proved to be extremely useful, the ILR Testing Subcommittee has followed up with research on intertester reliability in Russian.

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25X1 3. Pursuant to the conversation between you and the
Language School staff, there is attached a copy of the
responses to questions concerning language capability and
training originated by the Presidential Commission on
Foreign Language and International Studies. Please contact
[redacted] Deputy Chief of the Language
School, for any further information.

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Harry E. Fitzwater

Attachment

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